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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claims 38-43 are drawn to synthetic antimicrobial peptides comprising the amino acid sequences as set forth in SEQ ID NOS: 46, 55-56, a method for producing said antimicrobial peptides, and a method for treating a subject having an infectious disease induced by bacteria and/or fungi comprising administering to the subject said antimicrobial peptide. The search of the prior art reveals that SEQ ID NOS: 46, 55, and 56 are novel. Further, the prior art does not suggest the invention as claimed and therefore said invention is non-obvious.

Claims 38-43 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marsha M. Tsay whose telephone number is (571)272-2938. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9:00am-5:00pm.

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